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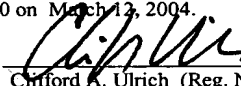
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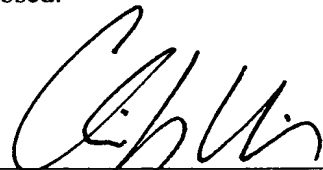
  
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1. Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 in response to Final Office Action dated October 3, 2003.
2. Terminal Disclaimer.
3. Applicants respectfully request a **three-month** extension of time in which to respond to the Final Office Action mailed October 3, 2003, for which a three month response period expiring on January 3, 2004 was set. The three-month extended period expires on April 3, 2004. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the **three-month extension fee of \$950.00**, and any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**.
4. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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